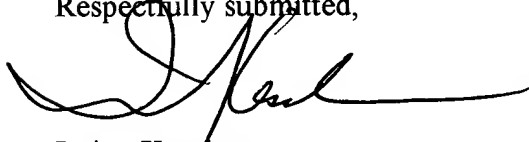


Dependent claims 5-7 should be allowable, inter alia, for the reasons advanced hereinabove for the allowability of independent claim 4. In addition, claim 5 sets forth that the opening on the anchor section and the attachment ring protrusions act together to prevent the anchor section from moving past a predetermined position and dependent claim 7 defines the positional relationship of the attachment ring with respect to the threaded hole in the anchor section, features not shown in the cited references.

In view of the above, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

Claims 4-7 have been added as follows:

4. An improved board anchor comprising:

a threaded shaft having a longitudinal axis;

a freely rotating anchor section attached to the screw shaft, said anchor section comprising a channel shaped member having spaced apart, downwardly extending flange portions, each flange portion having a shaped opening formed therein;

a threaded attachment ring having first and second protrusions formed on the perimeter of said attachment ring, said protrusions adapted to engage the corresponding opening formed on said anchor section, said threaded shaft being threadly coupled to said attachment ring, said attachment ring protrusions, and said shaped openings enabling said threaded shaft to be initially positioned substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis and repositioning the anchor section to a first position substantially perpendicular to said screw shaft longitudinal axis.

5. The board anchor of claim 4 wherein said shaped openings and said attachment ring protrusions prevent said anchor section from rotating beyond said first position.

6. The board anchor of claim 4 wherein said anchor section includes an elongated portion having a threaded hole adapted to engage said threaded screw shaft when said anchor section is in said first position.

7. The board anchor of claim 6 wherein said threaded holes in said attachment ring and said elongated portion of said anchor section are aligned when said screw shaft is in said first position.